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Grant Program Manager:

SUBJECT: University of California, Davis (UCD) Grant Proposal

The staff of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission) has determined that the subject grant proposal entitled "Future of the Delta: Measuring Biodiversity and Energetic Reliance in Key North Delta Habitats" is consistent with the Delta Protection Act, and the Commission's Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Management Plan).

The Management Plan contains findings, policies and recommendations resulting from background studies in the areas of environment, utilities and infrastructure, land use, agriculture, water, recreation and access, levees, and boating. The objectives of the grant proposal are to identify factors underlying the maintenance of riparian biodiversity in the Delta and to integrate this knowledge across aquatic and terrestrial boundaries would further the goals of the Management Plan, particularly the components dedicated to Environment and Water.

As evidenced by the composition of the Commission to include representation from Delta stakeholders, and local and regional Delta governmental entities, projects through partnerships are an important aspect of success in the Delta. The subject proposal will link new and existing data through partnerships with agencies, landowners, nonprofit community-based organizations, and universities to create spatiotemporal models of species-habitat relationships across key North Delta habitats. The Commission is supportive of this partnership-based approach.

Given the numerous projects and activities that scientists from UCD have been involved in throughout the Delta region exemplifies their valued knowledge of the diversity of the Delta. Having a local perspective undertake a study, such as the subject proposal, would be invaluable relative to implementation of the policies and recommendations of the Management Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda Fiack'.

Linda Fiack  
Executive Director